

Fort Meade Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)

Anne Arundel County
Department of Health
July 21, 2011 RAB Meeting

Anne Arundel County Charter

- Establishes the function and administrative authority of the Department of Health under State and County law.
- Establishes the County Health Officer
- Dept of Health staff act under the Health Officer's authority or under the authority and supervision of the County Board of Health (County Council).

Delegated Authority

The Health Officer and his employees act under certain delegation agreements with the Maryland Department of the Environment and Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Mission Statements

To preserve, protect and promote the health of all County residents.

Promote and protect the health and safety of citizens through environmental regulation

Environmental Health

Generally accomplished through educating the public in the areas of food inspecting, investigating, and protection, private wells, septic systems, property maintenance, recreational waters, and other environmental programs

Enforcement

Authority to issue notices, citations (tickets), and impose civil fines.

County Office of Law: Orders to Vacate, Cease and Desist Orders, Injunctive relief, and other legal remedies to protect public health and safety

MDE/DHMH Attorney Generals Office: Consent decrees, penalties,

Groundwater Investigations

Special investigations of groundwater or surface waters relating to contamination incidents or drinking water supply problems in Anne Arundel County

Examples: pesticides, nitrates, arsenic, volatile organic compounds, radionuclides, or other contaminants (coal combustion by-products) identified as a human health concern

Groundwater Investigations

Assist federal and state partners with GW investigation

- conducting field testing or assist with the scope of the investigation
- providing property information data
- producing maps
- reviewing public information materials (hand-outs)

Environmental Public Health Data / Public Health Information

Review environmental reports, Cancer Registry data, or information on emerging pathogens

Evaluate public health risk factors and human health effects

Educate the public:

- issue press releases in coordination with Ft Meade's PIO's office
- post information on web site www.aahealth.org
- participate in public meetings
- place signs in communities (immediate or imminent health risk exist – sewage spills)

Questions

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